

## REPORT.

The Committee on Ways and Means to whom was referred so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the revenue and finances of the State, respectfully report :

That they have given to the matters intrusted to them the consideration which their great importance so justly deserves, and are happy to be able to congratulate the people of the State upon the continued prosperity of its financial affairs.

By reference to the report of the late Comptroller and to the replies of his successor to calls for additional information, it appears, that the receipts from all sources for the fiscal year ending 30th September 1853, amounted to

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|  | \$1,000,053 19       |
| To this sum add the receipts for October and November 1853,        | 217,466 72           |
|  | <hr/> \$1,217,519 91 |
| Gross receipts for twelve months,                                  | \$1,193,569 59       |
| The expenditure for the same period was                            | <hr/>                |
|  | \$23,950 32          |
| Excess of receipts over expenditure,                               | <hr/>                |
| Add to this the balance in the Treasury on 1st December 1852,      | \$170,452 28         |
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| Leaving a balance in the Treasury, as of the 1st December 1853, of | \$194,402 60         |

Of the amount received during the twelve months, the sum of \$461,343 29 was derived from the direct tax, and the sum of \$756,176 62, from other sources.

Of the amount received from the direct tax, the sum of \$182,735 18, was derived from the tax for the year 1853, and the sum of \$278,607 47, from the revenue for previous years.

Of the amount received from other sources, the sum of \$730,749 82, accrued during the year 1853, and the sum of \$25,426 80, before that year. It therefore appears, that the entire amount of revenue accruing during the year 1853, which was received during that year was \$913,485 00.

By submitting the revenues for the year 1852 to a similar examination, it appears, that of the sum \$472,135 65 received during that fiscal year on account of the direct tax, the sum of \$267,378 44, was on account of previous years, and \$204,757 21, accrued during that year; and that, of the sum of \$807,817 63 re-